

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-21 are pending. Claims 14-71 have been canceled. Therefore, upon entry of this amendment, which is respectfully requested, claims 1-13 will be pending.

The claims were subjected to a restriction requirement. Specifically, the claims were restricted to the following inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-13, drawn to a pressure sensor; and

Group II: Claims 14-21, drawn to a method of manufacturing a pressure sensor.

Applicants hereby elect Group I claims, specifically claims 1-13 for prosecution on the merits.

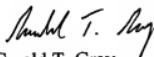
Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications to pursue prosecution of the non-elected claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,


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